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Calendar -

May 1 to 6	Music Week
May 7	Practice School Entertainment
May 14	Laboratory High School Entertainment
May 25, 26, 27	Final Examinations
May 28	Annual Alumni Meeting
May 28 to June 3	Women's Conference
May 29	Baccalaureate Sermon - Dr. J. A. Bray, Chicago
May 30	Commencement Day, Address by President Mary E. Branch, Tillotson College, Austin
June 3	Worker's Meeting at 7:30 p. m.
June 6	Opening of Summer School

Food for Thought -

- I. A comparative study of the income for Prairie View for:
1. September 1, 1930, to March 1, 1931, was \$262,894.56
 2. September 1, 1931, to March 1, 1932 was 178,490.99
- A falling off in income for the first six months of\$ 84,403.57

- II. The \$19,000 a month payroll for wages shows that the money comes from these sources:

1. State Appropriation	\$ 8,991.57
2. Sundry Sources	<u>10,008.43</u>
Total for 1 and 2	\$ 19,000.00

Forecast -

- I. If in the first six months of this school year there was a decrease in income over last year for the same period to the amount of \$84,403.57, it is easy to predict a reduction in income for the entire year in a sum above \$125,000.00.
- II. The outlook for the summer school is not very bright at present. There is every indication of an enrollment of fewer than a thousand students.
- III. In the light of the foregoing facts, I am asking a further reduction in our budgets of 10%, making a total reduction of 35% for this fiscal year.

Warning -

In this age of extreme anxiety of our people for Negro Colleges to obtain rating by standardizing agencies, judicious care must be exercised that we do not abandon the fine purposes and objectives for which these colleges were established. If I had Dollars enough, I could easily qualify every Negro College to meet the requirements of standardization, but I would have no guarantee on a high grade of teaching and Sound Character Building or an efficient type of education reflecting the needs of our people. We shall not be stampeded to the point here at Prairie View

where we are willing to scrap and throw over board the purposes and program of a Land Grant College, but our efforts shall be intensified toward the conservation and achievements of the objectives of making available a balanced education for the ambitious boys and girls of Texas.

Depression -

Because we are able to breathe and see the sun shining, let us not forget that the depression is still on and good sense dictates that we should adjust our personal budgets in such a way as to effect a saving for the "rainy day".

And finally -

The man who spends more than he makes and evades satisfying just and honest debts sooner or later shall be brought to grief.

Faithfully yours,

W. R. Banks

P. S. Meeting at usual time and place.

W.R.B.